

Application No.: 10/089,998
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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 14, 16, 19 and 20 have been amended. No new material is introduced herein. Claims 1-13 have been withdrawn, as being drawn toward non-elected species. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 14 and 16-23 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claim 23 is allowed. Applicants further acknowledge the Examiner's finding that claim 15-18, 19/15-18, 20/15-18, 21/15-18 and 22/15-18 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 14 has been rewritten to include the features of claim 15. Claim 15 has been cancelled. Claim 16 has been rewritten to depend from amended claim 14. Claims 19 and 20 have been rewritten to depend from any one of claims 14 or 16-18. These amendments do not add new matter. Because claims 16-22 now depend from amended claim 14 which is in itself in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the objections to claims 16-22 be withdrawn.

Claim 14 has been rewritten to include the features of claim 15. The Examiner has agreed to allow claim 15 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 14 has been amended accordingly. Because claim 14 has been amended to include the allowable features of claim 15, Applicants request that the rejection to claim 14 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under Section 103

Claims 14, 20/14, 21/14 and 22/14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Komma et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,293) in view of Yoo et al. (JP 10-283668). Claim 19/14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Komma et al. in view of Yoo et al.

Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 15. The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 15 includes allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections.

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In view of the amendment to claim 14, claim 14 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 for the reasons set forth above. Because claims 19-22 may depend from claim 14, these claims are also not subject to rejection as well.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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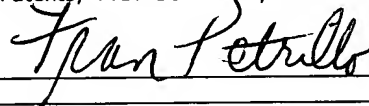
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